

of vestrymen.

302. Oath of parochial officers.

Every vestryman, registrar, treasurer and churchwarden shall, before he acts as such, take and subscribe the following oath of office, to be administered by the rector, any vestryman then in office, or a notary public of the State: "In the presence of Almighty God, I, do solemnly promise and declare that I will faithfully execute the office of of Parish, in County, without prejudice, favor or affection, according to the best of my skill and judgment. And I further declare my belief in the Christian religion."

303. Organization of vestry; election, etc., of officers; meetings of vestry.

(a) Organization meeting.

Immediately after the first or annual election of vestrymen, or as soon thereafter as possible, the newly elected vestrymen having first taken and subscribed the prescribed oath of office, the vestry shall meet and organize, and forthwith choose other parish officers.

(b) Election of other parochial officers; terms; registrar, wardens and treasurer may be vestrymen.

The first order of business shall be the election of a registrar, two churchwardens (one of whom shall be designated senior warden and the other junior warden), and such assistant wardens as the vestry may deem expedient or necessary, and a treasurer, and such assistants or collectors of contributions as the vestry may desire, all of whom shall be chosen from among those qualified to vote at a congregational meeting, unless modified by the parish bylaws pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, and the persons so elected shall hold office for one year from the date of the annual congregational meeting or until their successors are elected and have qualified.

The registrar, wardens and treasurer may, but need not, be members of the vestry.

(c) Qualifications of parochial officers.

Any parish may by bylaws prescribe the qualifications of the registrar, churchwardens and treasurer.

(d) Time and place of regular meetings.

The vestry shall hold regular meetings at such time and place as they may adopt by a majority vote from time